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ATHENS FIGHT RAGES; U.S. BACKS GREEKS



Keep Shells Flowing: Shells are being rushed into Yank mortars as gun crews outside Hoven in Germany open up on counter-attacking Nazi tanks. Continuous flow of these shells is a matter of life or death to these American boys.

British Navy Shells Piraeus; Patriots Control Macedonia

Heavy fighting by British and Greek quisling troops against the Greek patriotic ELAS raged in Athens yesterday, as the British Navy joined the battle by shelling a patriot-held police station in the port of Piraeus.

Twenty-five ELAS partisans were killed, while RAF Beaufighters and Wellingtons ranged over the city and its suburbs despite partisan anti-aircraft.

The London Times quoted front reports as admitting that the EAM, the Greek Liberation Front, controls Macedonia on the Yugoslav border and has occupied all public offices in the northeastern port of Salonika.

Using planes, tanks, and artillery in the fifth day of the fighting, Maj. Gen. Ronald Scobie, the British commander, claimed that he had cleared three square miles inside Athens itself.

PATRIOTS IN PARTHENON

This claim represented a gain of two square miles from the early morning. But the ELAS patriots, numbering 5,000 to 10,000 inside Athens, were entrenched in the ancient Parthenon and on the southwestern edge of Athens, and were staunchly facing RAF fire on their hillside positions.

West of the Greek stadium in the Arditos hills, the ELAS forces were also holding out this morning, despite heavy gunfire. Partisans were replying with mortars against paratroopers and armored cars.

Although the British and Greek quisling units occupied the Acropolis last night, after RAF Wellingtons strafed ELAS units, the United Press reported that snipers were making the British hold on the Acropolis difficult.

One of the British gains was the occupation of two suburbs—Kessariigi and another named Byron, after the British poet who helped to liberate Greece 120 years ago. Thousands of ELAS troops were reported converging on Athens from the countryside which is admittedly under EAM control.

Meanwhile, Gen. Scobie pulled two stunts for foreign publicity purposes. He announced that a right-wing unit, "X" had been disarmed, evidently being rather embarrassed that the royalist-reactionary armed forces were openly supporting the British.

Scobie also announced that a German officer had been captured leading an ELAS detachment. This was also intended to discredit the patriots and make foreign headlines. Such reports should, of course, be treated with reserve.

Meanwhile, the miserable premier, George Papandreou, issued a statement appealing to the Allies and especially the United States to "be on our side."

He promised a plebiscite, invoked President Roosevelt's Four Freedoms, and after expressing "thanks" for the aid of the British, denied that the British action constituted "intervention."

Stettinius in Firm Stand for Greece

By ADAM LAPIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr., today put British Prime Minister Churchill on notice that this government expects him to live up to that part of his Tuesday night speech stating it is for the Greek people to decide what kind of government they will have.

At the same time, Stettinius reaffirmed this country's determination that the Greek people have the opportunity to choose their own government by democratic means.

The new Secretary of State read to a well-attended press conference a prepared

statement which was an extension to the Greek situation of the Department's earlier stand backing the democratic rights of the Italian people.

It is clear that this government was holding firm to its opposition against British intervention in the affairs of the peoples of Europe despite the fact that the Churchill government has thus far shown no inclination to yield or compromise.

"I was interested to note," Stettinius said, "that in his statement on the Greek situation on Dec. 5, Prime Minister

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3d Army 3½ Miles From Saarbrücken Hear Browder Tonight on Greece

PARIS, Dec. 7 (UP). — The U.S. Third Army drove within 3½ miles of blazing Saarbrücken from the west today and hammered into the coal-mining center of Forbach on its southern approaches while the Seventh Army to the east broke loose for an eight-mile gain in a gathering push for Germany's Rhine Palatinate.

West of Saarbrücken, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army drove into the main belt of the Siegfried Line from its Saar bridgehead above Saarlautern, and south-east of the Saar capital turned a strong but futile German tank counterattack into a four-mile American gain.

The Seventh Army also fought off heavy counter-blows on its right flank as the comparative lull which had prevailed for several days on sectors other than the Third Army's gave way to intensive activity by both sides.

In two explosive pre-dawn attacks, the U. S. First Army drove several hundred yards through a wilderness of barbed-wire and reached the Roer River seven miles south of Duren, joining the Ninth Army in the assault on that intermediate line before Cologne.

Ninth Army patrols attempted to cross the Roer Thursday in the vicinity of Roerdorf and Flossdorf northeast of Jülich but met heavy

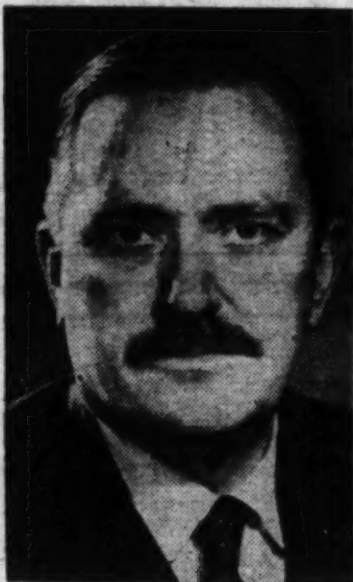
fire from a German artillery screen on the east bank.

Before the Ninth Army, the Germans were working feverishly to complete fortifications on the east side of the Roer in anticipation of a great attack across the river by Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's troops. For two consecutive nights, the enemy had carried on his defense, digging under hundreds of unshielded lights.

In Holland, the British Second and Canadian First armies were carrying on patrol slugging matches with the Germans along the river Maas near the German frontier.

The closest approach to Saarbrücken was made by Maj. Gen. Staggard L. Irwin's Fifth Infantry Division troops who captured Furstenthaus on the Saar, 3½ miles due west of the city after a two-mile advance.

The 90th Infantry Division, holding bridgeheads at Saarlautern and immediately north and south of that virtually mopped-up Saar city, deepened its northern most crossing by a mile and drove into the Siegfried Line proper in the Paetener Buchwald forest, eight miles inside the Reich.



EARL BROWDER



LOUIS WEINSTOCK



LEWIS MERRILL

Earl Browder, president of the Communist Political Association, will speak tonight (Friday) at Manhattan Center on the week's diplomatic developments in Greece, Italy and Belgium, and the latest statement by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius reaffirming American support for democratic self-rule in liberated Europe.

The gathering sponsored by the

Daily Worker and the Worker will also hear staff correspondents who attended the CIO and AFL conventions. In addition speakers include Louis Weinstock, secretary-treasurer of District 9, AFL Painters; Lewis Merrill, president of the CIO office workers; Roy Hudson, Daily Worker labor editor; and Rose Wortis, special correspondent for

the Freiheit. Alan Max and George Morris of the Daily Worker will give eye-witness reports.

The meeting will begin promptly at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the Workers Bookshop, 50 E. 13 St., at 60 cents, including tax, or \$1.25, which includes a six-month sub for The Worker, or \$2, which carries a one-year sub.

Bombs on Tokyo, Mukden Mark Pearl Harbor Day

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (UP).—Saipan-based American Superfortresses in a reconnaissance action showered bombs on Tokyo today in fitting commemoration of Pearl Harbor

Day, while sister planes from secret China bases rained tons of bombs on an aircraft works at Mukden and other strategic military targets in Japanese-occupied Manchuria after fighting off enemy interception.

Twentieth Airforce headquarters confirmed Tokyo reports that bombs had been dropped on the Japanese capital, but it added that the raid was incidental to a reconnaissance mission, and no communiqué describing it was issued.

In the Mukden raid the superforts knocked down or damaged 63 Japanese fighter planes. Tokyo admitted damage at Mukden and Dairi.

A communiqué by Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of Army Air Forces and Commander in chief of the 20th (Superfortress) Air Force, described the fleet which attacked Manchuria as large.

The Manchuria attack was made

by daylight.

Gen. Arnold said one Superfort was lost to enemy action. Japan claimed 11 shot down and four probably downed.

Steingut to Seek Franchise Reform

ALBANY, Dec. 7.—Assembly minority leader Irwin Steingut said today he would seek legislative action in the coming session of the Legislature to give Merchant Marine Seamen and Red Cross workers absentee voting privileges, and to set presidential election voting hours from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Gov. Dewey in the last election denied the franchise to these workers, even though tremendous public sentiment was aroused over the denial of the ballot to men and women in war activity.

Mistrial Is Declared in Sedition Case

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (UP).—A mistrial was declared in the mass sedition case today by Federal District Judge James M. Proctor after a poll of defendants revealed they would not consent to continuing with another judge presiding, following the death of Judge Edward G. Eicher a week ago.

The jury was called in after the poll of the defendants and told that "in view of the death of Chief Justice Eicher in the midst of the trial of this case and the circumstances that have been developed here, the court feels compelled to discontinue the trial and formally declare a mistrial of this case."

Only one of the 26 remaining defendants was willing to continue. He was Prescott F. Bennett, whose attorney, Frank Kelly, announced his answer. Two attorneys declined to answer, and one defendant, Peter Stahrenberg, withheld his reply because his attorney was not in court.

Four defendants were absent as the case ended: Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling of Chicago was home arranging an engagement party for her daughter. George E. Deatherage, commander of the Knights of the White Camellia, and Joseph E. McWilliams.

Soviets Take 120 Towns in Hungary

LONDON, Dec. 7 (UP).—Moscow announced tonight that Red Army troops, advancing eight miles along the west bank of the Danube River, had driven within 22 miles south of Budapest while Berlin indicated that Red Army troops had virtually isolated Pest, eastern half of Budapest.

The advance came as Berlin reported that two Soviet armies totaling almost 1,000,000 men had intensified a mighty three-way offensive to encircle Budapest with blows from the south, east and northeast and were hammering Nazi defenses all along a 200-mile front from northeast Hungary to less than 43 miles of Austria.

Marshal Fedor I. Tolbukhin's 3d Ukrainian Army today captured more than 120 towns and settlements in western Hungary, completely cleared the southern shore of strategic Lake Balaton and captured another 1,000 prisoners, Moscow announced.

Sixty of these places were captured between the Danube and the northeastern tip of Lake Balaton. In an advance along the river bank, the Soviets captured Dunaabony in their closest approach to Budapest, and were within nine miles of a junction with Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's troops which reported-

ly have crossed the Danube to establish a bridgehead at Ercsi, 14 miles south southwest of the capital.

Also taking Szilvá, Tolbukhin's troops advanced to within 17 miles southwest of the great rail hub of Szekesfehar.

An additional 60 towns and villages were seized between the southwestern tip of Lake Balaton and the Drava River, and in this drive toward Austria and Croatia, Tolbukhin's troops won the Drava River crossing town of Bares, 70 miles east of Zagreb.

WLB Issues Interim Ruling to Packers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (UP).—The War Labor Board tonight directed the "big four" meat packing companies and one independent firm to furnish their complete wage structures to two unions representing 140,000 workers in 84 plants across the country and enter into collective bargaining for elimination of wage rate inequalities.

The directive, an interim order, applied to Swift & Co., Wilson & Co., Armour & Co., and Cudahy Packing Co., all with headquarters in Chicago, and John Morrell & Co., Ottumwa, Ia.

The unions concerned are the United Packing House Workers, CIO, and the Meatcutters and Butcher Workmen, AFL.

Intensify War Work, Communists Urged

The New York County Committee of the Communist Political Association yesterday appealed to all Manhattan Communists to commemorate the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor by applying for work in essential industry, stepping up their activity in the Sixth War Loan Drive and donating another pint of blood.

The committee statement to its 10,000 members noted that "while victory is certain, long and bitter fighting is still ahead."

Tell Council Body of Fire Dept. Jimcrow

By HARRY RAYMOND

Testimony of a Negro battalion chief and seven Negro firemen before the city affairs committee of the City Council that in 20 firehouses special Jimcrow beds are assigned to

colored firefighters brought a reluctant promise yesterday from Fire Commissioner Patrick Walsh that the matter would be investigated.

This discrimination, which, all witnesses said, was not universal in the department, was brought under consideration of the Council through a resolution by Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., Manhattan Communist, asking a probe of the charges brought originally by the Vulcan Society, association of Negro firemen.

Battalion Chief Wesley Williams, a Negro firefighter with 25 years service, first witness to testify on

the Davis resolution, told how in 20 out of the 35 companies where Negroes serve, colored firemen suffered a "great indignity" by being isolated in "Negro beds." No other racial group, he said, is submitted to biased practice in the department.

Chief Williams pointed out such practice was a violation of section 222 of the department rules and should be punished.

Robert Cooper, an alert and intelligent young fireman, told the Councilmen how he and two other Negroes were assigned to a Jimcrow bed. Bed assignment were not made to the white firemen, he explained. He told how an extra "Negro bed" was put in the firehouse when the department went on the wartime two-platoon system.

Fireman Herman Reed, whose

complaints forced the ending of the Jimcrow bed system in his company, testified how he, because he was a Negro, was forced by his commanding officer to use his own special dishes at meal times.

It was here that Councilman Michael J. Quill, Bronx Laborite, peering across the table to where Commissioner Walsh was listening, demanded that none of the firemen would be given the "runaround" for testifying. Councilman Anthony Digiovanna, committee chairman, said he would not permit that to happen.

Fireman Lindrey White, on the other hand, testified how he had suffered no discrimination in any firehouse during his eight years in the service. He cited the example of his officers as one that should be followed throughout the department.

Commissioner Walsh, however, faced the committee loudly protesting he had "nothing at all to do with the case, it's up to the officers and men in the companies," and "they should iron it out themselves."

Asked by Councilman Davis if he thought it was discrimination to assign a Negro to a special bed, Walsh replied: "No."

"I want to tell you it is discrimination," Davis declared.

It was only after considerable urging on the part of Councilman Stanley M. Isaacs and Councilman Davis that Walsh finally said he would punish cases of discrimination.

Throughout the hearing Councilman Louis Cohen of the Bronx tried to belittle the Davis resolution as "ineffective." Councilman J. A. Phillips, Queens Democrat, said he opposed any anti-bias legislation, asserting "everybody's getting super-sensitive."

Also opposing Councilman action on the matter was Vincent Kane, president of the Unformed Firemen's Association, AFL, who said no discrimination exists and it was no sign of bias to assign a Negro to a special bed.

The committee took the Davis resolution under consideration in executive session.



Ben Davis, Jr.

Stand Up and Be Counted--for Greece

An Editorial

Every American progressive and every advanced worker must be hanging on each shred of news from Greece today. British planes have gone into action, and no doubt British ships. The fighting rages from Athens, as ELAS warriors stream to their own capital from the countryside which they control.

What a horrible nightmare all this is! Here we all are in the midst of heavy battles on the Rhine—and there is our Soviet ally approaching Austria and northern Italy. But in one corner of Europe, instead of fighting fascism, the British government persists in a completely irresponsible attempt to punish a small people of six millions because they dared to stand up and proclaim that popular democracy alone must be the basis of a new Europe.

Even the *London Times* was compelled to disclose that the EAM, the Greek Liberation Front is a coalition of all Greek popular parties, including even leaders from the old conservative ranks. Whereas the democratic movements in Greece were in splinters before the Metaxas dictatorship, the EAM united them; and whereas the government-in-exile returned unprepared to govern the land properly, the EAM already had liberated it with overwhelming support of the people.

But the *London Times* goes further and de-

molishes Churchill's argument about a "Communist dictatorship." Read carefully:

"The alleged fears of the upper classes of a Communist dictatorship and terror are more than offset by the more easily justifiable fear of the laboring classes and the petty bourgeoisie of another Fascist dictatorship of the extreme right...."

There it is. Fears of a Communist dictatorship are "alleged"; but fears of the people "are more easily justifiable."

INSOLENCE OF PRESS

In the face of this, the attitude of our own *New York Times* and *Herald Tribune* is craven and inexcusable. Their glib talk of a "Communist coup d'etat" is bald-faced misinformation of our public. And their snide reaction to Mr. Stettinius' declaration is even more insolent.

The *Times* calls it an indiscretion; the whole thing should have been handled in secret! And the *N. Y. Herald Tribune*, which used to hail the blunt talk of a Wendell Willkie, which so long argued for courage from our State Department, which even found Thomas Dewey so forthright—this *Herald Tribune* has the gall to applaud Mr. Stettinius with one hand and slap him down with the other!

No! Americans ought to be proud that our country spoke out so clearly and went to the heart

of the issue: the right of all peoples, especially our allies, to determine their own forms of democratic government without outside influence.

All eyes are now focused on the British people and especially the Labor Party's ministers. Will they come to "carp and stay to cheer" the Prime Minister today, as one cynical correspondent predicted?

Will they be satisfied with pious promises while British bombs fall where Socrates walked and patriots bled?

Is not plain that unless British people stand up and make themselves heard, they will pave the way for their own demoralization and destruction tomorrow?

RESPONSIBILITY OF AMERICANS

It is not a matter of forcing Churchill to resign, not a matter of breaking the wartime coalition. It is a matter of forcing Churchill to back down—back down and leave Greece alone.

But if we expect the British nation to rise to its responsibility, so must we Americans. Our State Department should be supported by an avalanche of telegrams, yes—even more powerful than those which came on issues where the people disagreed with the State Department in years gone by.

Let America rise to the occasion. Let everyone who believes in a democratic Europe stand up, be counted and be tested in this hour!

Stettinius In Firm Stand For Greece

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Churchill told the House of Commons.

"Our own position, as I have said, is extremely clear. Whether the Greek people form themselves into a monarchy or republic is for their decision. Whether they form a government of the right or left is for their decision. These are entirely matters for them."

"With this statement I am in full agreement. It is also our earnest hope that the people and authorities of Greece and our British allies will work together in rebuilding that ravished country."

SIGNIFICANT EMPHASIS

It was noteworthy that Stettinius singled out for approval this one passage from a speech in which Churchill also said that British arms would be used to resist an alleged "attempt to impose by violence a Communist dictatorship."

Asked pointedly if this meant that he disapproved everything else in Churchill's speech, Stettinius smiled and said he had no further comment.

Questioned further if this government condemned "the use of tanks and planes against the Greek people," he said his statement would have to speak for itself.

Stettinius stood firm on his brief statement despite a barrage of questions from newspapermen which reflected in some measure the deep concern of the American people with the Greek situation.

He said he might have some further developments to report later, possibly next week.

Stettinius was asked whether the reports from Lincoln MacVeagh, the American Ambassador to Greece, indicated that the British troops there were following Churchill's statement about permitting the Greek people to choose their own government.

The Secretary of State said he had been so busy with developments on Capitol Hill that he had not had an opportunity in the last 36 hours to read MacVeagh's reports.

Stettinius also had no comment on questions inquiring whether this government had made representations to the British government.

Asked whether he would permit the British to work out together with the Greeks the problem of



Thousands of Dutch patriots are reported to have been tortured to death on these gallows which was found in a German "hell camp" in Holland by members of the Royal Canadian Air Corps. Here Sgt. Frank Payne, of Montreal, Canada, demonstrates how the "torture gallows" was operated. Victims were forced to stand on inclined blocks while the noose was adjusted. The blocks were then removed and they were left to die.

"rebuilding" Greece in view of the fact that supplies and food were coming largely from this country, Stettinius said that he was not referring to physical reconstruction.

Greek Issue in Commons Today

Wireless to the Daily Worker

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The British House of Commons assembles tomorrow for a full-dress debate on the government's policy in Greece and Italy.

Foreign Minister Anthony Eden has cleverly broadened the area of the debate, however, to include the problem of Poland. This may offer some Tories an opportunity to deflect world attention from the issue in Greece.

The debate will take place on a Laborite's amendment to the speech from the Throne. As proposed by the Labor M.P. Seymour Gacks, the House approves the Throne speech "but regrets that the crooks the speech contains no assurance that His Majesty's forces will not be used to disarm the friends of democracy in Greece, or in other parts of Europe and to suppress those popular movement which have valorously assisted in the defeat of the enemy and upon whose success we must rely for future friendly cooperation with this country."

London Times and Worker Denounce Churchill Policy

Wireless to the Daily Worker

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Prime Minister Churchill's justification of the use of British armed might against Greek resistance forces has been denounced here by all sections of public opinion, as evidenced by leading editorials in all papers from the right-wing *London Times* to the Communist *Daily Worker*.

The *Times* Wednesday discloses the essentially democratic and representative character of the National Liberation Front (EAM), to which the Prime Minister attributed motives of imposing a "Communist dictatorship."

"In the days before Premier John Metaxas there had been literally hundreds of parties," the conservative paper recalls. "Now the national resistance has resulted in the grouping of a larger number of parties, large and small, into the EAM, and the EAM remained united as the largest political party."

"The alleged fears of the upper classes of Communist dictatorship and terror," the *Times* adds, using the word "alleged" in direct refutation of Churchill's declaration, "are more than offset by the more easily justifiable fears of the laboring classes and the petty bourgeoisie of another fascist dictatorship of the extreme right, possibly under the guise of a strong government."

While the Prime Minister claimed that the Papandreou Government has the support of the majority of Greeks, the *Times* declared: "The government's authority does not extend beyond the principal cities, hardly beyond Athens."

Says Papandreou Rules Only By Force

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Today's *London Times* makes the point that "Greece is not at present, like Belgium, an advanced military base for major military operations," and that "it would be all the more difficult to sustain the plea of 'urgent necessity' to set up some kind of authoritative regime."

"If Papandreou is now maintained in power by the ban of a foreign government, his moral authority in Greece can hardly survive and British troops will have been used and British lives sacrificed fighting against Greeks in behalf of a Greek government which exists only in virtue of military force," the conservative daily declares in a leading article.

The *Labor Daily Herald*, *Liberal News Chronicle* and the *Daily Mirror* similarly spoke out today against the criminal folly of the government's action in Greece.

Monday's *London Daily Worker* directly blames the "threatening declaration against the resistance movement made by General Scobie, with the approval of the British Government" for the "chaos and disorder" in Athens.

"The British Government cannot escape direct responsibility for the consequences of a situation that it has provoked," the editorial warns. "British policy in Greece is on the brink of catastrophe that may stain the good name of Britain in Europe for generations to come."

"The way not only to avert civil war in Greece, but to restore confidence in British good faith throughout Europe, is to end this policy of giving blank checks to reactionaries and browbeating all who mistrust them."

WARNS CHURCHILL

The *Daily Worker* declares that the fears of Greek democrats are "entirely legitimate," and agrees that the "handpicked troops of Monarchists and fascist police who cooperated with the enemy" must be "dissolved at least simultaneously with all the other groups."

Harry Pollitt, general secretary of the British Communist Party, placed the issue squarely: "Only Nazi Germany profits by the political tactics now pursued by General Scobie on the instructions of the British Government," he said yesterday.

"We warn the government that the British workers will not stand

idly by and see their Greek comrades placed once more under domination of the Greek pro-fascist forces. We remind the government that the war in Europe has still to be won and will yet demand tremendous sacrifices from the British people."

"After victory in Europe," he emphasized, "the struggle will be transferred to the Far East. It will be a crime against every sacrifice this war has yet demanded, if at this crucial hour there should now arise doubts as to the good faith of our own government in prosecution of the struggle against fascism."

Pollitt reported that British workers in mines, shipyards, mills and factories are indignant "at the use of Britain's power in Greece to protect the reactionaries and pro-fascists."

"Hands off the liberation movements everywhere in Europe," the Communist Party secretary demanded. "Support only those who fought fascism and intend that never again shall it find footholds in their countries."

Gurley Flynn Talk

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, *Worker* columnist, will address the Four Freedoms Club of the Communist Political Association Tuesday, Dec. 12. The meeting will take place at Paramount Mansion, 601 W. 183rd St., New York City.

Use Mortgages to Promote Housing, Not Only Profits: Kaiser

A mortgage should be looked upon as a device "to make home owning possible to the greatest possible number" rather than solely as "an investment for capital," industrialist Henry J. Kaiser said here yesterday.

Speaking at a Hotel Biltmore luncheon of New York State leaders in mortgage finance, the shipbuilder declared housing will not play its vital role as a leading factor in employment, social programs and stability unless those responsible for construction and finance are aware of their responsibilities to postwar America.

Kaiser emphasized the need for cooperation between lending agencies, governmental and private, "to meet the social requirements which cannot be denied."

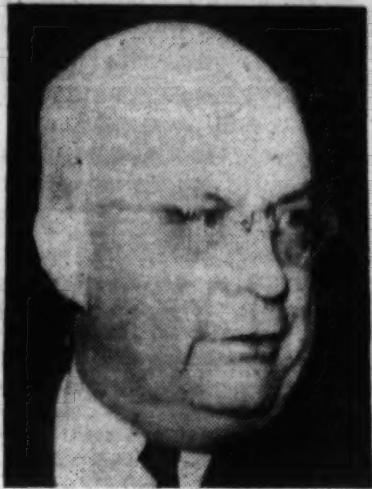
Soldiers are looking forward to owning their own homes, war workers aim to invest their savings in decent dwellings, and the "nation awaits a constructive financial program which will contribute to low cost housing," Kaiser stated.

To avoid the activities of professional speculators there must be, he declared a "broad plan of agreement among all lending agencies which will recognize and help establish minimum standards in housing."

"The extent," said Kaiser, "to which we finance the prospective home builder is in part a matter of experience and in part a matter of progress. We can afford to be liberal within the brackets of solvency. In the vast majority of cases we can encourage the individual to independent and self-reliant home-owning. It is not too much to say that financing agencies can make or break the home-building prospects."

The all day conference on financing the Postwar Building Boom on a Sound Basis, organized by the National Committee on Housing, was attended by more than 1,000 representatives of banks, insurance companies and savings and loan associations. The organization has recommended that similar sessions be held throughout the country by private loan agencies.

Mrs. Samuel I. Rosenman, Committee chairman, stressed the necessity to avoid a repetition in the postwar period of haphazard planning and jerry-building.



HENRY J. KAISER

Labor Health Parley Today

Discussion at the second wartime Conference on Labor Health Security this afternoon and evening at the Hotel McAlpin will revolve around Health Security in Postwar America and Postwar Health and Relocation of Health Personnel. The meeting is sponsored by the Health Council.

Speakers in the evening include Eugene P. Connolly, secretary of the New York County American Labor Party; Bertha C. Reynolds, Seaman's Service, Personal Service Department, National Maritime Union, Rep. Adam Clayton Powell; Helen Hutton, Field Secretary, Fort Greene Industrial Health Committee; Winslow Carlton, temporary secretary, Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York (Mayor LaGuardia's Health Plan); George F. Addes, international secretary-treasurer, United Automobile Workers. Dr. Alfred J. Asgis, chairman of the Health Council will preside.

Security Tax Freeze Makes Gain in Senate

A Senate Finance Committee yesterday approved, by 13 to 2, a bill to freeze social security taxes at the current one percent of payroll. Under the social security law, the tax is supposed to go to two percent automatically on Jan. 1.

A few days ago, the House, by 262 to 72, passed the tax freeze measure.

If the Bill should go through, it will be the fourth year in a row that the social security tax will have been frozen at the present level.

The administration is fighting bitterly against the tax freeze, and there has been talk of a Presidential veto if the Senate should vote for it. Yet the large vote in its favor by the House and the Senate Committee includes many Congressmen who are administration supporters.

The reason for this appears to be the lack of strong pressure against the freeze, particularly on the part of labor, arising from a lack of realization of what is involved. While both CIO and AFL have gone on record against the freeze, they have not really gone into action to fight it.

Those heading the fight for the freeze, notably Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (R-Mich.), are reactionaries opposed generally to the principles of social security. Their argument has been that the six billion dollar reserve in the social security system is large enough to take care of any obligations.

Judging from the vote in Congress and the lack of real pressure against the measure, the argument seems to have had its effect on the supporters of social security.

The contention of the Administration and of leading exponents of the social security system has been that the reserve may appear to be sufficient at the moment, when many old people who would otherwise be drawing on it are working in industry. But later this reserve will not be sufficient, and the whole social security system will be en-

dangered because of failure to carry out its original provisions.

There is also a wider issue involved. The Administration is planning to expand social security in the near future. The current struggle on the tax freeze is being viewed by foes of the system as a preliminary skirmish between those who are for greater social security and those opposed to it. They were quite frank in expressing their opposition to all security in the floor debate on the issue in the House.

Albany Jury Concludes Probe

ALBANY, Dec. 7.—The special Grand Jury called by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey to investigate legislative procedure concluded in its interim report that certain practices connected with the legislative process while perhaps not criminal are offensive to the welfare of the state.

Reviewing the results of questioning 800 witnesses, the jury reported that a certain number of Senators and Assemblymen of the Dewey-controlled Legislature were receiving monies in the form of vouchers which were "in large measure a cloak for payment of additional stipends."

The probe was forced on Dewey after it became known that the O'Donnell machine in Albany was considering an investigation into Republican legislative procedure. It is believed that the present probe is an attempt to cover up the most glaring GOP malpractices.

News Capsules Flying Hunters Warned

Inspector E. Tillmar, state game protector for western New York, yesterday warned aviators that late residents in the area, who object to the use of airplanes for hunting, have threatened to shoot at the next plane used to spot deer.

Sportsmen charged last week that a pilot flew over the hunting area, driving deer to where they could be shot.

An apparently successful operation for a bladder ailment, which once had been pronounced incurable, gave three-year-old Forrest "Nubbins" Hoffman a fighting chance to see another Christmas, perhaps even happier than the make-believe Yule celebration his parents gave him Nov. 19.

Surgeons of the Mercy Hospital in Denver removed an obstruction at the neck of the bladder yesterday, and afterwards the hospital said the boy's condition was good.

Fire swept through the crowded parish hall of St. Ambrose Church in Baltimore yesterday, panicking a crowd of more than 200 attending a bingo and card party.

Three persons were trampled or burned to death in the hall. A spectator died of a heart attack.

A fire in the six-story building at 401 Washington St., used as a warehouse by Russian War Relief, Inc., was brought under control after two hours yesterday. Flames were confined to the fifth and sixth floors, where canned goods and dried foodstuffs were stored, but it was believed substantial damage was done by water seepage to clothing on lower floors.



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Business Discusses Far East Prosperity

By LOUIS F. BUDENZ

It's to be hoped that many people have read with care the big advertisement appearing on the back page of Wednesday's New York Herald Tribune. Inserted by the McGraw Hill Co., it contains a healthy discussion on America's attitude toward the Far East in particular and world trade in general. Its viewpoint adds an impressive voice in the business world to the back-

ers of the Administration's foreign policy.

The ad opens with the assertion that the cry "Go West" for American investors now means likewise going to the Orient. In entering that area this time we will have to see the venture through. "The first sketch of a political program to enforce the peace was drawn at Dumbarton Oaks" and it "was a good start." (You will note the emphasis on the necessity to enforce peace.)

But the ad goes on to record a further discovery. "At best," it says, "no political accord can endure for long if it depends upon the loyalty and support of populations embittered by hopeless poverty." The big pioneering job in the Far East is the development, then, of that "fabulous region" so that it will provide markets for America's trade. The people of the Orient must be sur-

nished with the industrial means whereby they can increase their purchasing power and thus be able to buy from America.

FIRST HURDLE

"The first hurdle to be cleared" in reaching this goal is to decide for the industrialization of the Far East. There are those who will "vigorously challenge" any such proposal, says the ad. They will say that China and other like countries would be built up only to make them independent of American markets. That is a wrong view, McGraw Hill says emphatically.

America itself, in being built industrially, became a better market for foreign manufactured goods. Canada, for us, becomes a striking case in point. "With its high industrial development but only 12 million people," the ad stresses, "it buys from us each year almost as much as the relatively un-industrialized 130 million people south of the Rio Grande."

The argument against our joining in the industrialization of the Orient, therefore, has no weight. It is false and has to be cast aside. It's by building up the possibilities for the Far Eastern peoples freely to make the most of their natural resources and thereby get rid of their hell of poverty that we make them

good purchasers of our own goods.

As to the possibilities for such development, the ad gives the example of Japan from 1900 to 1940 as laying the foundations for the most optimistic hopes for the years ahead. It might better even have drawn on the Soviet Union, which in 25 years has performed a miracle of miracles in industrialization from the Baltic to the Pacific.

HOW TO PAY

How, then, will America be paid? The reply comes in a forthright manner. We can be paid if we have enough purchasing power in our own land to buy the goods that the Orient turns out. America's high wage standards, maintained and extended in the postwar period, will enable us to buy and therefore enable China to have the money to buy from us. Prosperity, McGraw Hill has discovered, is indivisible. And it admits that many American businessmen will have to "break with past traditions" to realize these goals.

This discussion demonstrates the correctness of Mr. Roosevelt's foreign policy, which rests on the freedom, initiative and higher living standards of the people everywhere. It answers the question raised by the British Ambassador, the Earl of Halifax, when he wanted to know at the Investment Bankers' annual dinner in Chicago, whether the United States is to go it alone in such ventures or to do so on the basis of cooperation. It is to be through cooperation, of course, and with

Britain as a partner with the USA and other nations. From the viewpoint of world trade it is healthy for America that Britain has good markets; for Britain is a customer, too. This cooperation in world trade, however, can no longer be on the basis of the old narrow conditions of the prewar world. It must be through constant expansion, the producing of bigger and bigger markets through the heightened prosperity of the peoples of each country.

BRITISH FEARS

In this sense, there can be much sympathy with the British in their fears about their future in world trade. But we are obliged to reject just as strongly the methods their political leaders are resorting to in order to try to solve their problem. The use of guns and other coercion against the peoples of Europe is not the way to build up trade nor to achieve the security that is possible.

The British government will get no backing in America or elsewhere for any attempts to impose fetters upon the peoples of Europe or the Far East. And that observation includes India.

We hope that the British people will understand what's involved. The building up of other peoples in freedom and prosperity will aid the freedom and prosperity of their own country and themselves. To take any other course—to resort to what is taking place in Belgium, Italy and Greece—is to try foolishly and futilely to turn back the clock.

Strikes Have Not Cut Munitions Production, Patterson Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Strikes "have had no substantial effect on the ammunition shortage," Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson declared today at a press conference.

"The only shortages felt in France were inevitable due to the improvising we had to make in transportation at the coast and inland from the coast," he added.

Patterson also disclosed that November production of heavy artillery ammunition was up to schedule for the first time in many months, but overall war output was still lagging.

Meanwhile, War Production Board Chairman J. A. Krug, testifying before the Senate war investigating committee called for tightening manpower regulations but said it is too late to enact universal service legislation. He did express the opinion that Congress should have enacted such legislation early in the war program.

AUTO UNION PLEDGES OUTPUT

DETROIT, Dec. 7 (UP).—Speaking on behalf of the more than 1,000,000 members of the United Auto Workers (CIO), acting UAW-CIO President George Addes said today that "I want to assure our President, General Somervell and the armed forces that we will do our utmost to more than meet the increased demand for armaments."

"Management's response to General Somervell should be extension of the utmost co-operation to labor in the all-important job of manufacturing the 'knockout drops' for the Nazis," Addes said. "Labor's response will be unstinting, uninterrupted production until the day of Hitler's and Hirohito's unconditional surrender."

Blood Donor Days

The American Labor Party, Kings County announced the selection of Dec. 9 and 16 as Blood Donor days for the American Labor Party.

What a Union, Say the GIs

From an army base in New Guinea, Pvt. Charles Selsky, in private life a furrier, reports that after mail call usually, he's the center of an envious crowd of GIs who watch him open packages and say: "Jeez, what a union you've got."

Selsky's a member of a local affiliated to the CIO Joint Board of Fur Dressers and Dyers, which has piled up something of a record for sending gifts in plenty and often to its 850 boys in service.

No less than 10,000 books, including such titles as *Strange Fruit*, *Mission to Moscow*, *Under Cover*, were sent out. Sweaters, by the score, candy by the ton, fountain pens, military kits, wallets and other gifts go out to the boys regularly. And of course, just about now, the Fur Dressers and Dyers 850 GIs are just getting their Christmas packages.

Funds for the gifts are raised partly through regular contributions by the workers in the shops, partly through other projects. One such will be held Saturday night at Manhattan Center when the union will hold a dance. All proceeds from the party go into the servicemen's fund.

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Ben Gold to Speak At Nemeroff Dinner

Ben Gold, president of the CIO International Fur & Leather Workers, will be a speaker at a testimonial dinner honoring Charles Nemeroff, veteran needle trade progressive, at Irving Plaza Saturday night. The banquet will mark Nemeroff's 50th birthday anniversary and 25 years of active service in the labor movement.

Besides Gold, speakers will include Rose Wortis, a member of the National Committee of the Communist Political Association, Paul Novick and I. Yuditch of the Morning Daily Freiheit and Arnold Ames, Nemeroff's co-worker in Cutlers Local 10 of the ILCWU.

Cannery Union Cheers Greeks

By WALTER LOWELFELS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7. — Corporal Joseph Adamchik, a wounded veteran and member of the United Mine Workers from Wilkes-Barre, got a great hand at the Cannery Union convention as he said that the issues for which "our soldiers are fighting on the Saar and in the Philippines are being tested in the battle of Greece. We demand that Churchill order British troops to stop firing on the Greek people."

The cigarette shortage is not due to labor, delegates to the United Agricultural, Cannery, Packing and Allied Workers convention proved today. Workers at the R. J. Reynolds, makers of Camels, have upped production by 65 million cigarettes a day, according to a resolution which demanded an investigation by the Truman Committee.

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by Dorothy Loeb



Twenty-one hundred of 2,400 of the members of Fur Floor Clerks Local 125 are in the armed services. That doesn't leave the union with a membership of 300. Another 2,100 older men and women have come to take the places of the boys in service. . . . The Negro Labor Victory Committee will hold an inaugural ball Jan. 20 at Golden Gate Ballroom. That's the night of the President's inauguration. The NLVC ball will honor the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, first New York Negro Congressman, and will give an official send-off to delegates to the National Conference on the Negro and Postwar Employment to be held Jan. 26, 27 and 28 in Chicago.

CIO workers at Federal shipyard have a proposition before them from management for a changeover in working hours from three eight-hour shifts to two shifts of nine and a half hours each. Management says the yard is behind in production of high priority ships and will be able to catch up with the longer work schedule. The proposition is being weighed by the membership. . . . The recent CIO convention went on record for the unionization of teachers. The State, County and Municipal Workers is undertaking the job. Already teachers in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York and Michigan are beginning to affiliate. The current issue of the SCMWA News is dedicated to teachers and the union. It features a letter from CIO President Phillip Murray welcoming teachers into the CIO and many pictures and articles about teachers' activities.

Local 155 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, in Philadelphia, has bought a three-story brick building of its own. Purchase price, \$7,500, was taken from the union treasury. . . . Peacetime Plumbing Plans—Martin Durkin, president of the AFL United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters is proposing that government surplus plumbing supplies be diverted into the slums. That'll give jobs to plumbers and help slum owners improve their property at low cost, he says.

I have just received the contents of the disk on the Negro and Postwar Security issued by Yeaman P. Thompson of Buick Local 6 of the CIO United Auto Workers. I mentioned last week that the disk was available but said that I hadn't yet had a chance to hear it. Now I can tell you that Yeaman takes the stand that rigid enforcement of union seniority rights is the best way to advance the fight against Jimcrow.

The Bureau of Applied Social Research, a Columbia University project which does studies on audience and listener reactions, is making a survey of a new kind in cooperation with Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Local 65. A three-page questionnaire will take a sample among 600 members in a check of reactions to the union organ and its features, the press generally, and some matters of policy. Some volunteers from 65 and some representatives of the Bureau will take the interview. Answers will be confidential and a final report will give the union date on public opinion in its own ranks. Alvin W. Gouldner of the Bureau staff is in charge of the survey.

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The Senate's Action

WHEN the Senate refused immediate confirmation of the group of four men appointed by the President to key posts in the State Department, it struck a serious blow at an administration which had received the endorsement of the American people just 30 days earlier.

What makes the Senate action particularly reprehensible is that it took place at a moment when the new State Department leadership should have received an expression of full backing for its first major statement of policy.

There is no question that the Stettinius statement on Italy and liberated Europe was greeted with enthusiasm by the American people, as well as by the peoples throughout the rest of the world. It was necessary to employ every possible means to make that clear to Churchill.

Instead, the Senate took a step that could not but hurt the prestige of the administration, and specifically of the new State Department setup.

It is especially disturbing to note that this action was taken with the support of some staunch backers of the President, such as Senators Murray, Wagner, Guffey, and others.

Why did these men allow themselves to become entangled in the web of anti-Roosevelt intrigue woven by such arch-foes of international collaboration as Senators Chandler, LaFollette, Wheeler and Danaher?

(We don't ask PM that question since it boasts, with good reason, of its own irresponsibility.)

We think it is because these backers of FDR made the mistake of thinking in terms of the merits and demerits of each individual in isolation. They failed to see that the essential question before the Senate was that of support to the administration's foreign policy and to the team selected by the President to execute that policy.

The question of the relationship of the new State Department leadership to that policy has been lifted out of the realm of abstract discussion. The department's first major action on behalf of democracy in Europe went to the heart of the issue involved.

This is a time when maximum national unity is needed to back the President in wielding a firmer coalition of the United Nations. We hope FDR's supporters in the Senate will recognize they have caused serious damage to this national unity by their action. Meanwhile, labor and all other sections of the American people should speak up in support of the President's appointments and the State Department action.

We Met Bigger Problems

LIEUT. GEN. BREHON B. SOMERVELL, in his address before the annual meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers, again called attention to the serious lag in production and the manpower shortage in certain spheres of war output.

As the supply head of the Army has stressed in several speeches recently, the war is far from over. The hardest fighting is still before us. This is clear. Equally clear is the fact that the people of America as a whole have always been convinced that nothing should interfere with the most abundant supply of our forces.

But let no one think for one moment that the present shortages are due to complacency of the people or failure of labor to do its part. Those in position to know have plainly stated that changes in battle conditions and progress of the fighting are chiefly responsible for change in emphasis upon certain needs. It isn't long ago that the War Department itself closed some of the largest ordnance plants.

It is not a question of blaming military leaders for miscalculations. We should rather be happy that the military picture is so much brighter than it was three years ago. But the difficulties we face today will certainly not be met by panicky appeals, blame on workers or threats of a labor draft.

We have met far more serious problems through voluntary and cooperative means. As we have stated so many times, more could be accomplished through coordinated measures, and adjustments of wages.

We have been at war long enough to know that when we face difficulties and put them before the people frankly, the determination to meet them will also come. Wouldn't it be a practical idea for the government, its military departments, management and union representatives to come together in a conference now? They could work out a plan that would be flexible enough to provide for the shifts in war developments — a plan under which the maximum effort could be mobilized to meet all possible developments.

To Tell the Truth

These Men Are Our Brothers

by Robert Minor

IN THE North Atlantic off the tip of Iceland in February last year, four men stood on the deck of the sinking army transport *Dorchester*. One was a Catholic priest, two were Protestant ministers and one a Jewish rabbi, chaplains of the United States Army. To a line of men under orders to "abandon ship" the chaplains were passing out life-belts. The supply of belts gave out, and still there were men in line. The four chaplains took off their own and passed them out as the last four life-belts.



This rabbi, this priest, these two Protestant ministers, went to death of their own will because they cared more for a great ideal than they did for their own lives. The ideal for which they died is our ideal, and these are our kind of men, our brothers. It may be that each explained his act to himself in terms that came down through 2,000 years of Christian theology, or 30 centuries of Hebrew theology. But that would leave the matter still unexplained; some men speak those terms and stay away from warships. Others go willingly as they did to die for the same cause and do not speak in religious terms at all. Many thousands of political commissars of the Red Army of Russia died this way.

But all of these, the Protestant, the Jew, the Catholic and the Marxist materialist, went into the same fight for the same cause of world democracy. In the things that count they were men of the same noble kind.

TAKE an opposite example.

Norman Thomas also began his adult life as a minister. As pastor of a Presbyterian church he was drawn into quite commendable struggles for civil liberties, one of which was the fight against the unlawful expulsion of the five Socialists elected to the New York State Assembly in 1920. The disturbing changes in American life of the 1920's led Thomas to abandon his pulpit, and he became a member and leader of the Socialist Party.

Unable to reconcile himself to things as they were, yet fearing above all things the great labor

movement with its ideals of socialism, he became a "safe and sane" replacement for old Gene Debs. Norman Thomas never became a Socialist in the only real, the Marxist sense. I once wrote an article in which I quoted a statement of Thomas that he was "not an orthodox Marxist." Reading my manuscript, Earl Browder interjected: "Yes, and most of his troubles come from the fact that history is an 'orthodox Marxist.'" I added Browder's remark to my article.

And history went ahead and left Norman Thomas behind.

History went ahead and left him standing on ground less firm than the decks of a sinking warship. And less firm than the ground that was trodden hard by the feet of John Calvin 400 years ago. John Calvin was a fighting man. Without a star in the sky, Norman Thomas made his calculated wavering the means for destroying the unity of the struggle for social security in the crucial 1930's; his love of civil liberties reduced itself to aid of Trotskyite intrigue. All that he hid happened "accidentally" to flow with the flood of reaction in the 1930's of which the typical expression was the Dies Committee, little was left in him but his growing fear and hatred of the labor movement and of socialism; he worshipped more and more as an empty sectarian abstraction, synthetic "socialism" made of words, while the one great hate of all of life became for him the socialism that exists in the living form of the great Socialist Republic in Russia. More and more hating his own failures, he saw his party sink to a pitiful sect, whose only achievement in the national campaign he led is the "throwing" of the congressional election in Connecticut to the harpy of the war—Clare Luce.

Norman Thomas stands on the

decks of no ship of war. No more in spirit than in body. A confused grab-bag of small middle-class prejudices, pacifism was the only answer his mind could find for war, and this answer is the one that best suits Hitler—for use in the lands he wants to conquer. But no, he found another answer, too, that fits the one greatest hate of his life: that at all costs the world must not follow the path of alliance of the new Socialist state with the western democracies for peace "for many generations." The logic of pacifism!

NORMAN THOMAS last Friday announced that the Socialist Party is dead as a national political entity, that our country which is just now winning the most glorious victories against fascism—"is on the road to fascism." The greatest phenomena of the century, the victory over fascism and the unprecedented economic collaboration of world democracy—including cooperation of Socialist and Capitalist states—are for his sightless eyes just the road to chronic unemployment.

Thomas' quarter of a century journey from the Presbyterian pulpit brings him at last to retirement as an aged cynic—though fewer in years than the most active leaders of armies today—bereft of all hope or faith and all ambition but to throw his last ounce of venom upon the ideals of mankind.

I think the second lieutenant Father John P. Washington, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode and the Reverends George L. Fox and Clarke V. Poling, upon whom the Army has just conferred posthumously the Distinguished Service Cross, knew they were not dying in vain.

Here is our homage to a Catholic priest, a Jewish rabbi and two Protestant ministers, chaplains of the United States Army.

Worth Repeating

TEACH GERMAN PRISONERS now in the prison camps says the LONDON DAILY WORKER in an editorial article in Nov. 13 issue, just reaching America, in which it declares: Why cannot they be given straightaway a picture of the real facts about the war, the facts of the United Nations' Alliance, the Allied conception of democracy?

War criminals and hardened Nazis should be isolated. The rest should have the opportunity of lectures from Allied subjects and anti-Fascist German refugees, talks with refugees and with the few anti-Fascists among their own number. They should be encouraged in the camps to listen to the German broadcasts on the B.B.C., U.S. and Soviet wavelengths. They should be given German anti-Fascist literature.

Change the World

TWO birthday parties came last week, to remind one again of mortality and of the meaning of days on earth.

Alexander Trachtenberg, head of International Publishers, was 60 years young.

This remarkable person did his first fighting in the Russo-Japanese War. In 1905, during a battle on the Manchurian plains, he distinguished himself in military valor and was promoted from a humble Jewish private to a Czarist top-sergeant.

He also received from his little Czar the St. George medal for valor, an honor shared by another left-winger of New York, Capt. Kournakoff, it seems.

Mr. Trachtenberg is a short, dark, fiery-looking man, with the jet-black eyes and stiff black moustache of some ancient warrior in an illuminated Persian manuscript.

I have known him some 25 years, since an election campaign for Hillquit which he managed from the Socialist Rand School of those days. He was then militant, happy and sparkling with the zest of living. He was raring to go. He was always pushing, like a hard-working sergeant, some crowd of reluctant soldiers over the top, against the strong enemies of the people.

"Trachty" is the same happy warrior today at 60. At his birthday party leaders from a dozen sections of the fight for education for



By Mike Gold

democracy told of his amazing activities in their particular field.

"Trachty" also publishes all the Marxist-Leninist literature in America—has issued millions of books, pamphlets, studies in that subject.

He has organized or helped in every writers' or artists' or cultural group I have known since the John Reed Clubs.

ALWAYS with the zip of a child early on Christmas morning. It is beautiful to see a man so thoroughly happy at his job.

Mr. Trachtenberg informed his admiring friends at the party that it was Dr. Marx who was responsible for his youthful spirits, his excellent teeth, kidneys and blood pressure, and his buoyant faith in the future.

George Bernard Shaw said almost the same thing on his 70th birthday: "Karl Marx made a man out of me."

The other birthday was Bill Gropper's, a giant affair thrown by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. It raised over \$20,000 for victims of bloody Franco's reign of terror.

All readers of this paper know the art of Gropper. Extraordinary is the fact that Gropper has gone on cartooning for the Freiheit, the Daily Worker, the left-wing and Communist labor press, while at the same time growing in power and recognition as a painter. Few men other than Daumier ever achieved that.

Gropper's art work is found in dozens of

Happy Birthday To Both of Them

great museums, including the Metropolitan and the Modern Art of New York, as well as the Western Art in Moscow.

SPEAKERS such as Dorothy Parker, Carl Sandburg, Norman Corwin and others testified that Gropper was good-humored, a good listener, an easy-going friend as well as a great artist. All these are visible signs of a man who likes life and who cares for the human race.

"Karl Marx made a man out of me." Perhaps it is not only the study of Karl Marx, then, but a deep, hereditary love for humanity that keeps such organizers and artists happy.

We are living in the time of the People's Revolution. Whoever remains on the side of the people, come weal or woe, is bound to retain his optimism. Gropper and Trachtenberg are of this category.

Intellectual renegades cluster in the offices of Time, or the Nation, or the American Mercury, and other key places. They carry on a perpetual poison campaign against the Soviet Union and the Teheran future. Somebody has said of them they look like people who conceal a stolen chicken under their coats. They are not optimists. They love nobody but themselves. They are living corpses. They belong to the evil past, not to man's radiant future.

But Gropper and Trachtenberg are people who walk in the sun. For them the years are milestones of a great hopefulness. They can never grow old and cynical on the staff of "Time."

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

Takes Times To Task

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In a book review appearing in the August New York Times on Nov. 25 there appears a highly laudatory review of a book titled The Real Soviet Russia. Few readers are likely to be tempted to read the tripe as judged by the few samples the reviewer allows to enter his column. Suffice it to say that a die-hard Social Democrat here takes to the printed word for a rehash of the worst ravings and incitements against our mighty ally the Soviet Union.

It is time, nay past time, that the Times be taken to task sternly by a growing movement which will demand more objective reporting from page one to the last page, this to include new stories, editorials, book reviews, Topics of the Times and every other department which purports to spread truth and to dispense news "fit to print."

With blazing anger,

I. F.

... To Victory and A Wise Peace

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In Worth Repeating you have quoted some sentences from the latest book by Edgar Snow, entitled People on Our Side, but I would like to suggest you publish the following about our great President. I think it is in line with some of your own editorials on Mr. Roosevelt.

On page 6 of the book this appears:

"I had hoped to see the President before leaving the capital, but I had not met him before and I had been wondering how to go about it. Now his secretary had located me at Wayne's, I never quite knew how, and in a few minutes I was on my way to the White House. When I got into the Oval Room and saw FDR sitting there with a friendly grin I remembered what I had heard some Chinese far up in the interior say about 'Lo Ssu-fu,' as they call him. Suddenly there were many things I had wanted to tell him for a long time.

"Forty minutes later I left the Commander-in-Chief with the conviction that he would, given the cooperation of Congress, lead us to victory and a wise peace."

This seems to be a very fine estimate.

ALTHEA MORRIS.

Quotes From Enemy Journalists

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In the Dec. 1 issue of the Daily Worker, in Max Gordon's column, there are some quotations from the enemy "journalists." I do not doubt the good intentions of the writer. I am sure that the polemics against the "famous" gangsters of the pen, Max Eastman and Louis Waldman, can be conducted successfully without any quotations from their arsenal of filth. I do hope that this note is accepted in the same spirit in which it is written.

MAX YOUNG.

[Ed. Note: We feel you missed the point in this case. The quote was a startling admission by Eastman.]

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

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Let's Face It

LAST Friday Virgil Jordan, chairman of the National Industrial Conference Board, delivered a speech in Boston in which he attacked both the domestic and international phases of government postwar economic policy.

His thesis was that European nations, by undertaking a measure of planned production and economic security, were merely substituting one set of dictators for another. He complained that these nations were trying to high-pressure the United States to adopt similar national planning, presumably through world economic organization, and insisted we must have none of it.

He attacked administration postwar policy more directly when he urged that we tell the boys in the armed forces that "neither business nor labor nor government can guarantee them economic security and leave them their civil liberty and personal freedom."

You can well imagine what kind of a morale-bulder such advice would be for the men and women in uniform!



WHEN President Roosevelt addressed himself to Congress last January, he tackled this argument of Jordan's directly. He warned at the time, and has repeated the

by Max Gordon

warning more than once, that failure to solve the problem of employment after the war would mean the end of American democracy. He emphasized that we would defeat fascism on the battlefield only to surrender to it at home. It was then that he presented his economic bill of rights as the means of insuring our democracy.

The contending positions of FDR and Jordan reduce themselves to "freedom from want" versus "freedom to starve." I don't think there is any doubt where the people stand in that debate. Nor is there any doubt which is more healthy for the maintenance of democracy.

Jordan's position would not, perhaps, be of great significance if it did not express in extreme form the views of quite a few capitalist spokesmen in America.

If you read carefully the editorial section of the New York Times last Sunday, you may have noted how even that paper, which backed the President for reelection and certainly does not represent the extreme reaction of a Jordan, reflected the influence of those views in two separate editorials.

One editorial attacks the idea that we ought to increase greatly our export of capital to help build the economies of other nations. It demands that capital be exported in limited amounts only when we can be certain of repayment.

Essentially this is a repudiation of the ad-

Freedom From Want vs. Freedom to Starve

ministration thesis that our own prosperity depends upon the expanded economies of other countries, and that for our own future well-being we have to cooperate in expansion of those economies.

INCIDENTALLY, this explains the basis for the opposition of the Times to the Bretton Woods decisions. It does not disagree on technicalities but on a fundamental aspect of our part in world economic collaboration.

The second editorial argues against the idea that the government can guarantee jobs under capitalism. The editorial completely ignores government sponsorship of public works, promotion of policies that will expand foreign markets and steps to increase domestic markets, such as liberalized social security, wage and hour laws and similar legislation.

I do not mean to imply that all, or even nearly all, capitalists are opposed to the economic collaboration and full employment policies of the President. Quite a few realize that the future of American capitalism depends upon the successful execution of those policies, as a reading of various trade publications indicates.

What I do want to emphasize is that there is by no means such thorough acceptance of those policies that their adoption is guaranteed. The widest kind of backing will have to be organized for them among all sections of the population.

Discussion on Federal Health Plan Develops

by Celia Langer

"Health Program Conference" took the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill as the basis for their program.

They have carefully worked out those sections of the bill marked by vagueness, especially in the administrative section, and made specific, certain policies and principles of good medical care.

THEIR report calls for a system of health insurance based on decentralized administration on a state and local level under Federal standards, the integration of hospitals and voluntary plans in a national program the needs of rural areas, the encouragement of group practice and necessary methods to safeguard the rights of both doctors and patients.

All of these problems are inferred in the Wagner Bill, with discretionary powers in the hands of the Surgeon-General of the United States. Under this carefully worked-out program, such matters are specifically dealt with.

Bill of Health

THE introduction of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill into Congress has resulted in wide discussion, not only by its enemies, but by its friends. Many individuals and groups supported its proposals for a national system of health insurance. In order to meet the storm of abuse directed against the bill from medical politicians those who supported its general principles confined their objections, many of them valid, to proposals for amendments to the bill.

Dr. Michael M. Davis, director of the Committee on Research in Medical Economics, and a member of the Citizens National Political Action Committee, announced on Dec. 5 that an important group of specialists, physicians, economists, government administrators and the research directors of the CIO and AFL had issued a report on a nationwide health plan. A careful reading of the report shows that this group of eminent citizens, calling themselves the



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World Air Parley Ends On Compromise Note

The first international aviation parley closed its sessions in Chicago yesterday, having achieved a compromise on Anglo-American rivalries, and having set up provisional world air authority.

The interim council, which will have its seat in Canada, left a place open for the Soviet Union. And while fascist countries and dubious neutrals participated in the sessions, significantly, only one neutral, Turkey, was elected to a permanent seat.

Evidently, the conference organizers appreciated the importance of back-tracking a bit from their snub to the USSR.

The seats on the council were divided into three categories: first, ranking air transport powers, with seven seats—the USA, Britain, France, Holland, Belgium, Mexico, Brazil and the USSR; then five seats for countries providing key facilities—Canada, Norway, Cuba, Peru and Iraq.

Eight other countries were named to give full geographical representation—China, Australia, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Turkey, Chile, Colombia and El Salvador.

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The interim agreement, which has to be accepted by 26 countries before it goes into force and lasts for three years, sets up a Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization, with purely technical functions.

Most of the 54 powers participating are expected to agree to the first two "freedoms"; only half will agree to all five "freedoms."

This means that the British Em-

pire and many European countries reject the most important "fifth freedom" which would greatly favor the American advantage in international air traffic.

The conference ended with a grandiloquent speech by Adolf Berle Jr. retiring assistant secretary of state and a sober declaration by Viscount Swinton, head of the British delegation.

"What we have done here is not an end, but a beginning," Swinton said, also praising President Roosevelt. "We have done much; we shall do more."

U.S. Combat Casualties Pass 500,000 Mark

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (UP). — U. S. combat casualties for three years of war have reached 552,018, including 121,363 killed, incomplete official tabulations disclosed today on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

The total was 15,068 greater than that announced a week ago.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said army casualties through Nov. 22 totaled 474,898, including 91,625 killed, 268,099 wounded, 58,926 missing, and 56,248 prisoners of war. Of the wounded, 126,440 have returned to duty.

Navy casualty figures released today for the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard totaled 77,120, including 29,738 dead, 33,469 wounded.

A Remarkable Episode in Captured Eschweiler

WILL OUSTED MAYOR BE SENT TO SCENE OF HIS CRIMES FOR TRIAL?

By HANS BERGER

"The first revolution in Germany" is the way Lewis Gannett describes a small but remarkable episode in the captured town of Eschweiler, for the New York Herald Tribune of Dec. 5.

With a normal population of 35,000 this industrial city near the Rhine had only 300 inhabitants left when the Americans arrived; but later factory workers who had been in hiding returned.

Hits Meddling in Yugoslav News

Allied interference in Rome is responsible for the meager quantity of news and photos emanating from liberated Yugoslavia, declared John Chabot Smith, in a dispatch to yesterday's Herald Tribune from "somewhere in Yugoslavia."

Allied writers, said Smith, were told by the Rome authorities that the Partisans didn't want them; transportation in Yugoslavia was debatable; that no arrangements were made for transmitting stories from Yugoslavia to America.

But once the Tribune reporter got inside Yugoslavia he learned that the Partisans "welcome correspondents," and express surprise that so few of them have come to their country for a first-hand view of their heroic accomplishments.

"The Russians came here with photographers, movie cameras and reporters," a Partisan commander told Smith, "and show the Russian people in great detail all about our fight against the Germans for the freedom of Yugoslavia. But we have never seen an American or British photographer, and you are the first correspondent who has come here."

The Military Government appointed an acting mayor. But after a few days, groups of German workers told the American authorities that this mayor was an active Nazi sympathizer who had treated Polish and Russian "slave workers" inhumanely.

The Americans investigated and found the charges true. A new mayor was appointed, a former Socialist—who, as Mr. Gannett reports, has the support of the many Communist workers.

This is only a small episode, but it seems to me very significant for the future. By taking such a step the Americans have unquestionably strengthened their moral authority.

The occupying armies in Germany will find many German workers absolutely ready to cooperate in purging the Nazis, provided our armies will not behave like the British troops in Belgium and Greece, where they have been ordered to side with reaction and fascism.

Only one point remains to be cleared up from Lewis Gannett's report. What happened to this Nazi who so cruelly mistreated Polish or Russian slave laborers?

Has he been jailed yet? Is a trial against him being prepared? Will he be handed over to the Soviet or Polish authorities to be tried for mistreating their citizens?

It would be extremely important and useful if this former mayor were tried as a war criminal. And the proceedings of this trial should be made known in Germany by the Allied radio and Allied leaflets.

Would not such a trial serve as a warning to all Germans against the mistreatment of foreign workers?

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Tonight—Manhattan

FRIDAY REVIEW OF THE WEEK. "Democracy in Liberated Europe"—Harold Collins will analyze the latest developments in Belgium, Greece, Italy and France against the background of American-British relations and World Coalition. Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Sixth Ave., cor. 16th St. 50c.

HENRIETTA BUCKMASTER, author of "Let My People Go" and latest best-seller "Deep River" will speak at the Carver School, 57 West 125th St., Friday, Dec. 8, 1944, 8 p.m. Discussion follows. Adm. 35c.

CHRISTMAS GIFT RALLY for Russian children. Full length Russian movies: "Lad From Our Town" and "Bibodjan." Friday, December 8th at 8:30 p.m. at Public School, 225 Ocean View Ave., cor. Brighton 13th St. Ausp.: United Brighton Beach Committee for Russian War Relief. Adm. 50c.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

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Out of the original 2,400 members in the Fur Floor local, 2,100 are in the armed services. These have since been replaced by new workers in the industry, the overwhelming majority of whom had no previous trade union experience.

Dorothy Loeb, of The Worker labor department, who was the invited speaker at the board meeting, pointed out how The Worker, because of the labor and political information it carries, makes a trade unionist better able to function in carrying out decisions of the union.

At the conclusion of her talk, Max Bronshteyn, manager of the local, called for a show of hands to indicate which of the 50 people present wanted subs to The Worker. It was almost unanimous. Those present also undertook to obtain subs from among the

membership.

The board also took under consideration the 5x5 plan for selling The Worker.

Keep your eye on the Bronx County CPA. It's hot, and getting hotter. Just to give you an idea, at a county breakfast which took place on Sunday, Dec. 3, the Parkchester Club, with a quota of 50 subs, announced that it had already secured 66, the first to go over. It was cocky enough to challenge almost every other club in the Bronx. What is more, it pledged to bring in 150 more subs by Dec. 12, the next meeting night. And it is so sure of fulfilling this additional pledge that it has already arranged for a beer party on the night of the 12th to celebrate the event. Since 150 is the total pledge of the Crotona Club, the largest CPA club in the Bronx, Parkchester challenged it to fulfill its quota also by the 12th.

Which is a tip-off on why you should have to watch the Bronx. When the trade unionists get going about their favorite paper, things pop, but good!

United Nations Command in China Urged by Chu Teh

A United Nations Command for the entire Chinese war theater and democratic reorganization of the Kuomintang would save the dangerous military-political situation in China, declared General Chu Teh, Commander of the Chinese Communist

armies, in a recent interview at Yen'an with the Times correspondent, Brooks Atkinson.

Interviewed before the Chinese disaster in Hunan, but delayed by Chinese army censors, General Chu's remarks nonetheless apply to the Hunan area, the Communist army leader said:

"If nothing is done, the situation in that area is doomed. But if it is possible to reorganize the government from the top down to

the local governments and include in the government, all anti-Japanese parties and people's leaders, then there is hope."

Even if political reform in China is stymied a while, Gen. Chu Teh remarked, "we should at least have military reform. There should be a United Nations command for the whole China theatre."

"A United Nations general could command the Central Government and Communist forces independently and assign different tasks to them," the Communist army chief stressed. "He would have to be a foreigner, in fact, an American. Only an American would be qualified for that sort of dual command."

Admitting that at present his forces are limited to guerrilla warfare because of terrible shortages in modern fighting equipment, General Chu Teh maintained:

"If we were sufficiently armed with some light artillery and anti-tank guns, we could destroy the whole Japanese communication system and carry on exhausting warfare, coordinating it with whatever the United Nations strategic program may turn out to be."

"If 30 to 50 divisions of the Chinese Red Army could be equipped with modern armament and be given tactical and technical training by American officers, we could annihilate the Japanese armies in northern China."

Dinner to Wagner Next Wednesday

Senator Robert F. Wagner will receive the tribute of the bench and bar of New York at a dinner in his honor sponsored by the National Lawyers Guild. The dinner will be held next Wednesday at the Hotel Commodore.

Senator Harley Kilgore, Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia and Attorney General Robert W. Kenny of California, national president of the National Lawyers Guild, will be the key speakers. Judge Edward C. Maguire will be toastmaster.

Trade unionists, businessmen and prominent citizens are joining in the affair.

Checks for reservations can be mailed to the National Lawyers Guild, 16 E. 41 St. The dinner is \$6 per person.

Army Draws On Soldiers Under 19

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (UP). — Soldiers under 19 years of age are being sent into combat as replacements, it was stated yesterday by Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson, who said this reversal of previous army policy was due to lack of enough suitable replacements over 19.

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THE LOWDOWN

A Few Rough Spots, But CCNY, NYU Look Good

Nat Low

That was a successful beginning to the New York basketball season the Garden saw Wednesday evening when City College rolled over Detroit, 42-22 and NYU's highly touted Violets won, going away from V-12 boys of Rochester, 53-39.

For one thing another of those expected but still terrific crowds of 16,182 people were on hand for the evening. And for another thing, both met clubs looked more than passably good in their victories although the playing was spotty and uneven at times.

But that was to be expected for it was the first Garden game of the year for the boys and it took them some time to unwind. Once they did, they made things interesting.

NYU, of course, attracted most attention. The Violets can be about as good as they want to be this season for they have poise, speed, drive, condition and all the natural ability one could ask for.

In Al Grenert and Sid Tanenbaum, Howard Cann has two of the best scorers of Violet history playing together. Grenert, who sunk 18 points Wednesday, did it even though he didn't extend himself at all. Naturally, just out of the Marine Corps, he cannot get too serious and grim about college basketball and his rather lackadaisical play for some time is to be expected.

But sooner or later the old college try will reappear and when it does the well-built young man will be the terror he was two years ago. Tanenbaum, with a full year's varsity play under his belt, is better than last year and that makes him one whale of a ball player.

The Brownsville kid has put on some weight, is more aggressive and is as elusive as ever. His shooting, from close under and from outside, leave little to be desired and he will score close to 15 points almost any game he plays.

But Grenert and Tanenbaum do not the whole team make. There's this big, gangling kid named Alvin Most who hails from Monroe High in the Bronx and will take over Herb Walsh's job at center before many more days. Walsh, a big, lumbering, evil-tempered guy, can't hold a candle to Most's center play and will be lucky to start another game this season.

Most is not the smoothest or fastest boy you could have but he knows what to do with the ball when he gets it and he manages to get it more often than not.

Marty Goldstein, Frank Mangiapane, Howie Sarath and John Derderian did what was expected of them. They ran, passed and shot until they had the Rochester boys gasping.

Beavers No Pushovers

Nat Holman sweated out a full quarter of the game against Detroit Wednesday before his boys began to play the kind of basketball they are capable of. Until that time, the Beavers had been able to score exactly one point in ten full minutes. But once they got their bearing they vindicated Holman's previously expressed high hopes.

Korovin, who at 6-4 is the tallest man on the squad, is immeasurably improved over last year even though he is not exactly a gazelle moving downcourt. But he has learned to pivot and plays a firm, strong game under both baskets. His 14 points were high for the Beavers.

Bill Levine, a 6-2 freshman, is strong and willing and often resembles Doc Blanchard with his bull-like charges. As soon as he gets some polish, he will be a valuable gentleman to have around.

Ralph Schmones is the best all-around player Holman has. The little guy hustles all evening and can lay up shots with regularity.

A kid who was a welcome surprise to everybody present was slender Sid Finger who snapped the Beavers out of their early game slump the moment he came into the contest. Finger has dash and daring and was rifling passes to his teammates with veteran accuracy. Twice he knifed through the Detroit defense to lay hook shots into the basket and gave the impression he'll come along rapidly.

'Footsie' Talks Football and War

They honored Capt. Maurice L. (Footsie) Britt on the steps of the Public Library yesterday during a ceremony for the Sixth War Loan bond drive and a lot of people were there to see the only man in American history who has ever won the three highest military awards our country can give its heroes: the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Silver Star and the Distinguished Service Cross.

Capt. Britt, his right sleeve empty, made a little speech, modest unaffected and afterwards began to talk football with some of the sports writers present.

The Lions lost both games and Britt was something less than a hero.

Then two days before Pearl Harbor, Britt saw the writing on the wall and enlisted in the United States Army. A few months later he was ready to carry the fight to the Axis and soon after, when he led an infantry outfit in Italy, he was adjudged by his men to be the "greatest hero in this or any other war."

He was all that, too, until a Nazi artillery barrage hit his command post and tore his right arm off at the elbow.

Now he's touring the country making speeches for the war bond drive—and also talking football—the game he will never play again but which will be played by thousands of American kids, thanks to his heroism.

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Tami 2-1 Favorite Over Oma Tonight

It'll be "Molly, bar the doors!" at Madison Square Garden tonight when Lee Oma and Tami Mauriello climb into the ring for a repeat performance of the wharf whammeroo they staged in the same patch of light Sept. 20.

Mauriello, Bronx heavyweight, is a 2-1 favorite to beat the unorthodox Detroit, whom he knocked out in the eighth round of their first thundering brawl.

However, Oma is well supported because of his impressive showing in September and because he has trained seriously for this 10-round bout—trained in the country for the first time in his life. It is recalled that the handsome Russian accepted the first Mauriello engagement on 48 hours notice, as a substitute for Joe Bakst, and that he floored Tami in the second round and had him on the rim of goofy gully several times, though patently out of condition.

A near-capacity crowd is expected to watch them slug it out for the right to meet Bakst at the Garden, Jan. 12. Because of this both principals have groomed carefully and pared off blubber. Oma has leaned down from his September 193 pounds to about 185; and Mauriello from 194 to about 188.

Mauriello, though victorious in September, received such a surprise battering that he refused to go through with a re-match Nov. 3, demanding more time in which to train. Oma, angered at the postponement, decided to go all-out in his own conditioning campaign. He spent 25 days at Teddy Gleason's camp, Greenwood Lake, N. J.

Stop Baugh, Aguirre! Giant Battle Cry

By PHIL GORDON

As the Giants put the finishing touches to preparations for their return game with the Washington Redskins Sunday—the game that will decide the winner of the eastern division title—their cry is:

"Stop Aguirre and Baugh!" Ordinarily they would be planning to stop Baugh alone, difficult as that is. But now they've got the added burden of putting a halt to the grid larceny of the Redskin end who has just been named all-league wingman by the UP.

Aguirre can do a lot of things once a game gets under way. He is a streak going down for Baugh's bullet pegs; is dangerous on the defense as a possible interceptor; and is one of the most accurate kickers in the league.

He has booted six field goals this year and got one against the Giants last week that counted and still another—which would have tied the score—that didn't count.

His booting is long distance booting, too, and he can put one through the bars from as far out as 40 yards.

As for Baugh, well, his 25 completions Sunday indicated that he has finally gotten the hang of the T formation and will be poison in this last game.

Sammy will be doubly dangerous Sunday because of the lift in morale over last week's accomplishments. He was "down" for most of the season because of lack of adequate training and the new T.

Despite all these things, however, the Giants still figure to win—as they did last week even though they were outplayed for a considerable portion of the game. As ever, the Giants are remarkable opportunists

Robeson Jr. Honorable Mention UP 'All-East'

Paul Robeson Jr., 16-year-old freshman end of Cornell's football team, was listed first in the honorable mention column on the All-Eastern team picked by the United Press this week. . . . The son of the great Negro athlete-singer-actor also received a few votes on the UP's All-America team even though this was his first year as an end.

and will take quick advantage of the slightest opening to plunge through for a score.

The only question bothering Steve Owen is the condition of his injured men.

But the Giants, like Barkus, will be willin' . . .

They usually are.

6th Relief Shipment On Way to Italy

The sixth shipment of relief materials for needy men, women and children in liberated Italy is now en route, it was announced yesterday by Judge Juvenal Marchisio, president of American Relief for Italy, Inc.

Included in the shipment are 296,464 pounds of clothing, 58,562 pairs of shoes and 591 household kits.

11 A.M. TO NOON

- 11:00-WEAF—Road of Life
- WOR—News; Talk; Music
- WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
- WABC—Amanda—Sketch
- WQXR—Alma Dettinger—Talk
- 11:15-WEAF—Rosemary—Sketch
- WABC—Second Husband
- 11:30-WEAF—Star Playhouse
- WOR—Quiz Wizard
- WJZ—News; Jack Berch, Songs
- WABC—Bright Horizon
- WQXR—Concert Music
- 11:45-WEAF—David Harum
- WOR—What's Your Idea?
- WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories
- 11:55-WEAF—Lanny and Ginger, Songs
- WQXR—News; Luncheon Music

NOON TO 2 P.M.

- 12:00-WEAF—News Reports
- WOR—News; Music
- WJZ—Glamor Manor
- WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat
- 12:15-WEAF—Talk—Maggi McNellis
- WABC—Big Sister
- 12:30-WEAF—United States Marine Band
- WOR—News; Juke Box
- WABC—Helen Trent
- 12:45-WEAF—Our Gal Sunday
- 1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
- WOR—Roy Williams, Songs
- WJZ—H. R. Baukhage, News
- WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
- 1:15-WEAF—Terry's House Party
- WJZ—Women's Exchange Show
- WABC—Ma Perkins
- 1:30-WEAF—Loper Orchestra
- WABC—Bernardine Flynn, News
- WMCA—Recorded Music
- 1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News
- WOR—American Woman's Jury
- WJZ—Galen Drake
- WABC—The Goldbergs

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

- 2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light
- WOR—Cedric Foster, News
- WJZ—News Comments
- WABC—Joyce Jordan, M.D.
- 2:15-WEAF—Today's Children
- WOR—Talk—Jane Cowi
- WJZ—Galen Drake
- WABC—Two on a Cue
- WQXR—Concert Music
- 2:30-WEAF—Woman in White
- WOR—News; Real Stories
- WJZ—Ed East and Polly
- WABC—Young Dr. Malone
- WQXR—Greenroom Music
- 2:45-WEAF—Betty Crocker, Talk
- WABC—Perry Mason
- 3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America
- WOR—Martha Deane Program
- WJZ—Earl Wrightson, Baritone
- WABC—Mary Marlin
- 3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins
- WJZ—Appointment With Life
- WMCA—Tens and Tim
- WMCA—Talk—Ethel Colby
- 3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young
- WOR—Rambling With Gambling
- WABC—The High Places
- 3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness
- WJZ—Studio Music
- WABC—Bob Trout, News
- 4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife
- WOR—News; Jay Johnson, Songs
- WJZ—Correspondents Abroad
- WABC—First in the Air
- WMCA—News; Western Songs
- 4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas
- WJZ—Ozark Ramblers
- 4:30-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones
- WOR—Food and Home Forum
- WJZ—Westbrook Van Voorhis, News
- WABC—Raymond Scott Show
- 4:45-WEAF—Young Wilder Brews
- WJZ—Hop Harrigan
- 5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries

RADIO

- WMCA—570 Kc.
- WEAF—560 Kc.
- WOR—710 Kc.
- WJZ—770 Kc.
- WNYC—430 Kc.
- WABC—830 Kc.
- WINS—1000 Kc.
- WEVD—1330 Kc.
- WTKW—1190 Kc.
- WJLB—1100 Kc.
- WEN—1050 Kc.
- WOV—1250 Kc.
- WBNY—1450 Kc.
- WQXB—1500 Kc.

- WOR—Uncle Don
- WJZ—Terry and the Pirates
- WABC—Sing Along Club
- WMCA—News; Milt Greene, Songs
- WQXR—Man About Town
- 5:15-WEAF—Portia Faces Life
- WOR—Chick Carter
- WJZ—Dick Tracy
- WABC—Romance of Evelyn Winters
- WMCA—Recorded Music
- WQXR—E. M. Sternberger, News
- 5:30-WEAF—Just Plain Bill
- WOR—Superman
- WJZ—Jack Armstrong
- WABC—Terry Allen, Songs
- WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs
- WQXR—Temple Emanuel Service
- 5:45-WEAF—Front-Page, Farrell
- WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix
- WJZ—Captain Midnight
- WABC—Wilderness Road

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

- 6:00-WEAF—News Reports
- WOR—Sydney Mosley, News
- WJZ—John B. Kennedy, News
- WABC—Quincy Howe, News
- 6:15-WEAF—Concert Music
- WOR—Ramona, Songs
- WJZ—Ethel and Albert
- WABC—Lyn Murray Orchestra
- 6:30-WEAF—Frank Singler, News
- WJZ—Whose War?—Sports Talk
- WABC—Bally Moore, Songs
- 6:40-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
- 6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas
- WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
- WJZ—News
- WABC—The World Today—News
- WMCA—String Music
- 6:55-WEAF—Joseph C. Harsch, News
- 7:00-WEAF—Johnny Mercer Show
- WOR—News
- WJZ—Happy Island, with Ed Wynn
- WABC—I Love a Mystery
- WQXR—Lisa Sergio, News
- 7:15-WEAF—John W. Vandercrook, News
- WOR—The Answer Man
- WABC—Sixth War Loan Drive
- WMCA—Five-Star Final
- WQXR—Operetta Music
- 7:30-WEAF—Al Roth's Orchestra
- WOR—Variety Musicale
- WJZ—The Lone Ranger
- WABC—Variety Musicale
- WMCA—Johannes Steel, News
- 7:45-WEAF—H. V. Kaltenborn, News
- WMCA—Dean Martin, Songs
- 8:00-WEAF—Highways in Melody
- WOR—Ocell Brown, News
- WJZ—To Be Announced
- WABC—The Aldrich Family—Play
- 8:15-WEAF—Sunny Skylar, Songs
- 8:30-WEAF—Duffy's Tavern—Ed Gardner
- WOR—Freedom of Opportunity
- WJZ—Famous Jury Trials
- WABC—Adventures of the Thin Man
- 8:55-WEAF—Bill Henry, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

- 9:00-WEAF—Frank Munn, Tenor; Evelyn MacGregor, Contralto; Chorus
- WOR—Gabriel Heatter, News
- WABC—It Pays to Be Ignorant
- WQXR—World Wide News
- 9:15-WEAF—Screen Test
- WQXR—Musical Memory Game
- 9:30-WEAF—People Are Funny
- WOR—Double or Nothing—Quis

WJZ—Spotlight Band

WJZ—Gang Busters

WABC—That Brewster Boy

WMCA—Quizdom Class

10:00-WEAF—Amos 'n' Andy

WOR—Boxing: Tami Mauriello vs. Lee Oma

WJZ—Earl Godwin, News

WABC—Jimmy Durante, Comedy

10:15-WJZ—From England: Ted Malone

WQXR—Beatrice Mery, Soprano

10:30-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern

WJZ—The Doctors Talk It Over

WABC—Stage Door Canteen

10:45-WEAF—To Be Announced

WJZ—Letter to Your Service Man

WQXR—Intermezzo

11:00-WEAF—News; Music

WJZ, WABC—News; Music

11:05-WJZ—William S. Gailmor

11:30-WEAF—We Came This Way—Drama

WABC—Mildred Bailey Show

12:00-WEAF, WABC—News; Music

WJZ, WMCA—News; Music

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Hints on How to Study Lenin's Writings

By DAVID GOLDWAY

Educational Director, Communist Political Ass'n of New York

Every so often—and much more frequently in the past few months—someone asks me, "What shall I read to get a good understanding of 'basic' Marxism? There are so many books. I don't know where to begin."

There are, of course, many answers to this question. But I dare say that as good a bit of advice as could be given is to read the Selected Works of V. I. Lenin. [Republished as the Lenin Home Library (International Publishers) a new, handsomely bound, low-priced edition, sold on a subscription basis, one volume-a month, \$1.50 each volume.]

The big problem, however, is how to study the Selected Works. Twelve volumes is a lot of reading. Therefore, our first suggestion would be to read the Selected Works alongside of what is the best Marxist textbook yet written, The History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. If we do this, then we find that it is not necessary to read everything in the 12 volumes. Each book contains a few exceptionally important pieces which should be carefully studied. The remaining material can be given greater or less attention according to the student's interests and capacity.

POLITICAL ECONOMY

For example, Volume 1 of the set, dealing with the first years of Lenin's political life, 1894-1899, explains two of the most fundamental principles of Marxist science: (1) a sound revolutionary program must be based on a precise understanding of the economic conditions under which it is developed; and (2) under modern conditions, the role of the working class is decisive in carrying out a revolutionary program.

Lenin's first major contention is that no revolutionary movement could be developed in Russia at the end of the 19th century without clarity on basic economic questions. For example, the Narodniks (populists) argued that capitalism in Russia was only a freakish, accidental phenomenon destined soon to disappear. Consequently, they maintained, the path to Russian emancipation lay through the village "commune" and through acts of individual terror.

In the Agrarian Question in Russia at the End of the Nineteenth Century and in The Development of Capitalism in Russia, Lenin demolishes these contentions. He makes a detailed analysis of the operation of Russian economy and proves that by the end of the 19th century Russian capitalism had already developed to the point where it was the dominant economic system. He proceeds to make a careful study of the peculiar features of Russian capitalism—features resulting from the tardy superimposition of capitalism on the ancient, rotten feudal system of the Czar.

In 1944, as in 1894, a correct understanding of the operation of our economy is essential. The promise of Teheran cannot be realized unless we know what kind of economic policies must be fought for. We must understand that the America of today is economically the most advanced capitalist country in the world, that its economy is a finance capitalist economy, that this economy is currently producing \$200,000,000,000 worth of goods annually. We cannot talk about international peace unless we can show how to

keep American capitalist economy producing at approximately its present level.

This method of approaching political problems is what we learn from Lenin.

The second major thesis of Volume I is that the working class is the "indestructible backbone" of progress. In What the Friends of the People Are Lenin exposes the ideological bankruptcy, and consequently the programmatic treachery, of the Narodniks. He shows them to be enemies of the very peasants whose cause they pretended to espouse. He boldly points to the young working class of Russia as the class which alone can lead the nation in its struggle for emancipation from Czarist oppression. At the same time, he advances the idea of a revolutionary alliance of workers and peasants. These ideas are developed further in The Tasks of the Russian Social-Democrats.

What shines forth most brilliantly from this book is the lesson that the working class is the decisive class. The fact that this was so for Russia 50 years ago, with its relatively small and weak proletariat, drives home a thousand times more forcefully the truth of this basic Marxist principle for us in America in 1944.

DRAMATIC BOOK

But Volume I of the Selected Works of Lenin is more than a valuable textbook. It is an exciting, dramatic book, because it is a fighting book.

"Lenin taught us much," says Earl Browder. "Very often we forget how much of the understanding that we have of the world about us, of the struggles that are taking place, we owe to the teachings of Lenin." No one who wishes to consider himself an informed Marxist can afford to be without the Selected Works. The appearance of the Lenin Home Library at this time is a golden opportunity to get the set at a low price and on an easy subscription basis.

Herta Glaz At Town Hall

Herta Glaz, leading Metropolitan Opera contralto, will be heard in recital at Town Hall on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 8:30.

The first half of her Town Hall program will be devoted to the songs of Johann Sebastian Bach, Franz Schubert and the Elizabethan art songs of John Dowland, Robert Jones and John Bartlett. The second half will consist of the Popular Spanish Songs of Manuel de Falla, the "Catalogue de Fleurs" of Darius Milhaud, and two of his Hebrew folk melodies based on old Hebrew folk lore. Paul Ulanowsky will be at the piano.

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Bond Drive In the Newsreels

The opening of the current Sixth War Loan Drive features the latest issue of RKO Pathe News. In Washington, D. C., President Roosevelt opens the drive with an appeal to the nation, and Secretary Morgenthau sells the first bonds to government officials. On the united battlefronts American planes are seen downing Japanese fighters in action on Leyte Island. In Holland the last Nazi garrison on Walcheren Island falls to British commandos while in Paris Prime Minister Winston Churchill and General Charles de Gaulle meet to discuss France's participation in planning the European peace. Sports news also highlights the reel as Navy overwhelms Purdue 32 to 0 in Baltimore's Municipal Stadium.

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BOOK NOTES

The new year in the book world will open with a novel by John Steinbeck, Cannery Row, scheduled by Viking Press for Jan. 2. . . . Initial printing will be 78,000, second printing early in January 25,000. Both printings have been used up by advance orders—in fact, publishers claim a total of 250,000 advance orders.

Another sign of book-business boom: Because Lillian Smith's Strange Fruit (now over 480,000) will probably be out of stock during last two weeks of December and

early January, Reynal and Hitchcock has worked out a gift certificate plan for use during the holiday season.

Edna Ferber, who did a magnificent job in the election campaign, will appear with a new novel, Great Son, on Jan. 29. Published by Doubleday, Doran, the book is described as "A novel of America in the building. . . ."

The Selected Works of Tom Paine, edited by Howard Fast, is announced by Duell, Sloan and Pearce.

Red Army Theater at the Front

By ALEXEI POPOV

(Director, Central Theater of the Red Army)

During the war I have often accompanied our theatrical troupes on tours of the front. I have seen audiences just back from the firing lines eagerly drinking in every word from the improvised stage. I have seen a telephone operator relaying messages to observation posts lift his receiver from time to time in order that those at the other end of the line might listen to a few bars of a concert.

When you are among front-line audiences their response to a performance gradually communicates itself to you and you begin to react as they do, although you may have seen the play a number of times.

The unanimity with which the men at the front, regardless of profession, cultural background, education and tastes, respond to a concert or play is very striking. You begin to sense that this reaction is not due to a simple need for entertainment, but has deeper causes. After attending a number of performances and talking with various people, this impression is strengthened and you begin to understand that new aesthetic outlooks are being born in the grim and courageous struggle. Here at the front you begin to comprehend the demands the people make on art, and imperceptibly you begin to analyze many of your own points of view.

2,500 PERFORMANCES

To understand all this you must mingle with those who are making history and safeguarding the future of our country. In the Central Theater of the Red Army we considered it necessary to allow as many of our actors, directors, designers and musicians as possible to visit the front. All of them have gone at one time or another.

During the war we have given over 2,500 front-line performances, not including the many trips made by groups of actors to assist Red Army amateur circles. Members of our

theater have been at the front from the first day of the war; one group was on the Rumanian border when the war broke out, and our players recently revisited this locality.

This past summer the actors spent their vacation at the front. The entire cast, from famous veterans to novices, were organized into five companies to tour Red Army units. Two plays were presented with the same settings used in the city. In one month we gave 232 variety shows and 32 plays on four fronts.

By far one of our most popular plays was Lukovsky's Battle of Grunewald which depicts characters and events remote from our times yet very close to us in spirit. It was at the battle of Grunewald that the united forces of the Russian and other Slav peoples, led by the Lithuanian Grand Prince Vitovt, administered a crushing defeat to the Teutonic Order of Crusaders. The battle was fought in 1410, but it strikes a responsive chord in our time.

Our repertoire also includes several classics and a number of new Soviet plays. Among the classics are Alexander Ostrovsky's Mad Money and Danc Felix de Vega's comedy, The Loping Master, translated into Russian for the first time by Tatiana Shchepkina-Kupernik. New plays by Soviet writers include The Good Lad, a comedy about the life of serfdom, written by the Tur brothers, Sergei Golubev's Borodino and Vladimir Solov'yev's Secret of Victory.

Free Tickets

For Servicemen

"93 Park" headquarters of the New York City Defense Recreation Committee offers a list of free amusements today through the generosity of the entertainment world. Afternoon tickets are available from 11 a.m. on. Evening tickets after 4 p.m. Servicemen, officers apply to the Officers' Service Committee, Hotel Commodore, for comparable service, at reduced rates.

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"SHOLEM ALEICHEM'S FAMOUS YIDDISH FILM CLASSIC"
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Irene DUNNE • Charles BOXER
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Extra! PEARL PRIMUS
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A 20th Century-Fox Picture in Technicolor!
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Fitzkins Ave. PLAYING
ADVENTURE in BOKHARA
& Henry Fonda in "BLOCKADE"

7th BIG WEEK
A Sensational Film from the Heart of
War-Torn Russia!
The Rainbow
Based on
Wanda Wasthwaite's Story Prize Novel
STANLEY 7th Ave. bet. 43rd & 41st St.

FREDRIC MARCH ★ ANNA STEN
in LEO TOLSTOY'S
RESURRECTION
Also: Direct from War-Torn Italy
L'Italia Rinasce
(Rebirth of Italy)
THE TRUE STORY OF ITALY TODAY
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Now! Hedy LAMARR • Paul HENREID
"THE CONSPIRATORS"
Peter Lorre • Sydney Greenstreet
Anthony Quinn • Trudy Marshall
"LADIES OF WASHINGTON"

BUY WAR BONDS

Yanks Land in Ormoc Bay Area; Sink 13-Ship Japanese Convoy

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, LEYTE, Philippines, Friday, Dec. 8 (UP).—American troops have landed in force in the Ormoc Bay area, supply gateway for Japanese troops on Leyte, and American planes have wiped out a 13-ship Japanese reinforcement convoy killing an estimated 4,000 enemy troops, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

Resistance to the Ormoc Bay landing was "negligible," a communique said, and American troops were rapidly thrusting their way northward from the landing point behind Japanese lines.

The landing coincided with opening of a new American offensive on the entire Leyte front.

Sixty-two more Japanese planes were shot down in the operations accompanying the landing and the destruction of the convoy. Five American planes were lost, but all pilots were saved.

An American destroyer and a small transport also were lost, MacArthur revealed.

Chungking Rejects Communist Offer; Tuyun and Tushan Fall

CHUNGKING, Dec. 7 (UP).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has rejected a proposal by the Chinese communists to establish a "democratic coalition government" and has offered counter-proposals, the Communist delegate, Gen. Chou-en-lai, said today as he returned to Yenan.

Gen. Chou saw Chiang Nov. 22. Chou carried with him the Chungking Government's proposals for a settlement of the Communist-Kuomintang deadlock, for consideration

by the Communist leaders in Yenan. Terms of these proposals were not announced.

(Meanwhile, Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, U. S. Army chief of staff in this theater, pledged the full support of all American forces in this theater to help crush the Japanese offensive now overrunning a vast area of southwest China.)

The Chinese high command admitted the loss of Tushan, a railroad town 75 miles southeast of Kweiyang, and Tuyun, less than 50 miles southwest of Kweiyang.

City CIO Asks British Labor To Stand Firm for Greek Rights

The Greater New York Industrial Union Council, representing 600,000 CIO workers, heads the growing list of organizations which yesterday protested British armed intervention against Greek patriots and praised the State Department's opposition to outside interference in Italy, Greece and other liberated nations.

"The American working people view with alarm the action of our United Nations Ally, Great Britain, in seeking to dictate the form of government for the peoples of the liberated nations," the New York CIO resolution reads in part.

"We send greetings to our fellow trade unionists in Great Britain and call upon them and the British Labor Party to stand firmly in upholding the right of the peoples of the liberated nations."

Similar statements were made by the Greater Buffalo Industrial Union Council, representing 150,000 workers; James McLeish, president, District Four, CIO Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers in behalf of 110,000 members; the national administrative committee of the CIO

Office and Professional Workers, the CIO Marine Radio Officers of the ACA and Sidney Young, president, Screen, Office and Professional Employees Guild.

Chicago labor leaders urging immediate American intercession to avert further bloodshed in Greece included Herbert March, Dist. 1 director of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers; Edward Henrickson, port agent of the National Maritime Union and Abe Feinglass, president of the Illinois - Wisconsin district council of the CIO Fur and Leather Workers.

From Washington, George C. Vournas, supreme president of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association with 50,000 members, warned that continuation of the British policy in Greece would "cause prolongation of the war and deterioration of the moral basis of the common struggle against Hitler."

In a telegram to the Earl of Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, Ludovj Dennik, Pittsburgh Slovak language daily, demanded freedom for Europe's liberation movements to stabilize popular democratic governments.

Launch Campaign for Keystone State FEPC

Special to the Daily Worker

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—The campaign for a state FEPC was launched today when a meeting of over 50 organizations approved the program to be submitted to the state legislature by the Pennsylvania State Temporary Commission on the Conditions of the Urban Colored Population, an official state body.

A committee of organizations was set up to carry on the FEPC campaign and clarify the commission's 28 other proposals to outlaw discrimination and improve conditions affecting particularly the Negro people.



Tanks of the U.S. 4th Armored Division that dot the horizon leave rutted trails in the soft turf as they roll toward the Saar River area battleground beyond Berg, France. In the foreground two Yank infantrymen watch the advance from their foxholes.

The Veteran Commander

TWO-FRONT GUNS DROWN THE WHISPERS

ROTTEN straws are fluttering in a rather putrid wind.

While varied in form, these straws all have the same basic "chemical structure." They all attempt to convey the basic idea that the Red Army is not doing its stuff.

First Mr. Baldwin came out with his disruptive piece about the "strategic decisions of Teheran" which, according to him, were not being carried out by the Russians.

Then a semi-serious magazine with military leanings complained that the Russians were not doing their stuff.

Then, several days ago, the big newspapers began relegating news from the Eastern Front to their 10 plus n-th pages.

On Wednesday night one of the radio newscasters said something to the effect that somebody in Washington had said that General Eisenhower's offensive was behind schedule because the Russians had failed to open their expected offensive in the north.

And so on, and so forth. . . .

We don't know, of course what the strategic decisions of Teheran were because we, unlike Mr. Baldwin, were not there, but we know one thing and that is that the fighting on the Eastern Front is easily the equivalent of the fighting on the Western Front at this time.

The Miskolc-Drava front is exactly as long as the Arnhem - Strasbourg front. Certainly as many German divisions are engaged in active combat on

both sides of the Danube as there are on the Maas, Roer, Saar and Rhine.

While the Allies in the West have thrown into battle a little more than 50 divisions, Marshal Tolbukhin, Malinovsky and General Petrov have certainly more than that number in action.

As far as the strategic direction of the Soviet offensive is concerned, it can certainly not be called a secondary one at this juncture. It may have looked so when it was developing east of the Tisza, but it certainly isn't so when the Red Army has reached Lake Balaton and is moving on Austria where the Linz-Weiner Neustadt-Graz triangle contains so many German industries evacuated from Western Germany, and where the Prague-Dresden invasion route to Berlin starts (more on this next Sunday).

Nobody would even attempt to deny that the Anglo-American (mostly American) forces are waging a terribly hard battle on the western fringe of the Rhine bridgehead and that they are doing the best they can. But nobody should deny either that on the other side of Germany our eastern allies are doing their full share.

THIS department read with surprise the statement by Mr. Churchill to the effect that British troops were interfering in Greek affairs because Greece was a theatre of war. This is simply not true. British troops landed in Greece after the Germans had begun pulling out because of the threat of the junction of the Red Army with Marshal Tito near the Iron Gate of the Danube. Greece was not "liberated" by the British. It was primarily liberated by Marshal Tolbukhin and Marshal Tito, and by the Greek resistance movement. There is no front in Greece because there are no Germans east of the Scutari-Kraljevo-Belgrade line. Thus, if British interference in Belgium might have been explained by the military necessity to protect the immediate rear of the Allied armies in the Nijmegen salient, such an alibi does not hold water as far as Greece is concerned. Militarily speaking, the British might have stayed out of Greece altogether without affecting the course of the war one iota.

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